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NOVEMBER 27 1974

TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER
 FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. I HAD A BRIEF TALK WITH SCHLESINGER LAST NIGHT AT A SOCIAL EVENT. HE IS LEAVING TOMORROW FOR A TRIP TO GERMANY AND THE SIXTH FLEET. IN GERMANY HE WILL TELL LERER THE TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT TO THE ISRAELIS THROUGH US IS OKAY. SCHLESINGER SUGGESTED THAT HE MIGHT WANT TO THINK ABOUT AUGMENTING THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET BY THE ADDITION OF THE ENTERPRISE, WHICH HAS F-14 AIRCRAFT ABOARD. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE DETERIORATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, HE LATER MODIFIED THIS TO SUGGEST ONLY MOVING IT FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE EAST COAST. (I THINK IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO MAKE ANY MOVE INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN, BUT THE SHIFT TO THE EAST COAST IS PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA.)

2. I HAVE JUST READ BILL SULLIVAN'S CABLE TO YOU ABOUT A STOP IN MANILA. I DO NOT SEE HOW YOU COULD POSSIBLY GO THERE WITHOUT VISITING SAIGON. IT WOULD ALSO CREATE PROBLEMS ABOUT YOUR VISITING TAIWAN, THAILAND, MALAYSIA, AND INDONESIA.

3. DEFENSE IS PLAYING WITH THE IDEA OF MOVING AN SR-71 BACK TO BRITAIN FOR USE IN CASE THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION DETERIORATES AND THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR PHOTOGRAPHY IN WHAT COULD BECOME A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT. MY PROBLEM WITH THAT IS THAT WE MOVED THE SR-71 FROM BRITAIN IN THE FIRST PLACE BECAUSE THEY PUT CONDITIONS ON OUR MIDDLE EAST FLIGHTS.

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I SEE NOTHING TO PREVENT THEM DOING THE SAME THING AGAIN,
RENDERING THE WHOLE MOVE WORSE THAN USELESS. IT IS A TOUGH
QUESTION, SINCE FLYING FROM THE UNITED STATES IS NOT AN
ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE. DO YOU HAVE ANY VIEWS YOU WOULD WISH
TO EXPRESS ON THE MATTER?

WARM REGARDS.

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